

**MOBILE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WITH LIGHTS TO INDICATE
RECEIVED MESSAGES**

ABSTRACT

5 A mobile electronic communication device includes a processor unit, a
transceiver, a keypad and a light unit. Each key of the keypad is associated with a
contact of a contact list. The light unit can perform light functions to notify a user of
the reception and/or status of messages received via the transceiver. The light
functions include providing an indication of the age of a received message that was
10 sent by a contact in the contacts list. The age of the message is indicated by a
modulation of the illuminating light. In one embodiment, the age of a message is
indicated as one of a set of predetermined age ranges, with each age range being
represented by a unique color.